

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-72 without acquiescence in the grounds of rejection, and without prejudice to pursue at a later time by continuation application or otherwise.

Please add claims 73-91.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-72. (Canceled)

73. An applicator for use with a laser device housing, comprising:

an applicator body mountable for motion in the housing; and

an applicator distal end affixed to the body and positionable substantially in a focal plane of the laser device by motion of the body when at least a minimum amount of pressure is applied to the distal end by contact with a patient's skin.

74. The applicator of claim 73, further comprising:

a preselected amount of pigment disposed on the distal end for marking the patient's skin.

75. The applicator of claim 73, wherein the applicator body is removable from the housing.

76. The applicator of claim 73, wherein the distal end is positionable at a distance from the housing greater than the distance from the housing to the focal plane when less than the minimum amount of pressure is applied thereto.

77. The applicator of claim 73, further comprising:
a hole formed in the distal end for passing through a laser beam focused by the laser device to a focal point in the focal plane.

78. The applicator of claim 77, further comprising:
a preselected amount of pigment disposed on the distal end for marking the patient's skin.

79. The applicator of claim 77, wherein the applicator body is removable from the housing.

80. The applicator of claim 77, wherein the distal end is positionable at a distance from the housing greater than the distance from the housing to the focal plane when less than the minimum amount of pressure is applied thereto.

81. An applicator for use with a laser device housing, comprising:
an applicator body removably mountable for motion in the housing; and
an applicator distal end affixed to the body and formed with a hole therein for passing through a laser beam focused by the laser device to a focal point in a focal plane, the distal end positionable substantially in the focal plane by motion of the body when at least a minimum amount of pressure is applied to the distal end by contact with a patient's skin.

82. The applicator of claim 81, further comprising:
a preselected amount of pigment disposed on the distal end for marking the patient's skin.
83. The applicator of claim 81, wherein the distal end is positionable at a distance from the housing greater than the distance from the housing to the focal plane when less than the minimum amount of pressure is applied thereto.
84. A method for forming an applicator for use with a laser device housing, comprising:
selecting an applicator body mountable for motion in the housing; and
affixing an applicator distal end to the body to be positionable substantially in a focal plane of the laser device by motion of the body when at least a minimum amount of pressure is applied to the distal end by contact with a patient's skin.
85. The method of claim 84, further comprising:
applying a preselected amount of pigment to the distal end for marking the patient's skin.
86. The method of claim 84, wherein selecting an applicator body comprises:
selecting an applicator body that is removable from the housing.
87. The method of claim 84, wherein affixing the distal end comprises:

affixing the distal end to the body to be positionable at a distance from the housing greater than the distance from the housing to the focal plane when less than the minimum amount of pressure is applied thereto.

88. The method of claim 84, further comprising:

forming a hole in the distal end for passing through a laser beam focused by the laser device to a focal point in the focal plane.

89. The method of claim 88, further comprising:

applying a preselected amount of pigment to the distal end for marking the patient's skin.

90. The method of claim 88, wherein selecting an applicator body comprises:

selecting an applicator body that is removable from the housing.

91. The method of claim 88, wherein affixing the distal end comprises:

affixing the distal end to the body to be positionable at a distance from the housing greater than the distance from the housing to the focal plane when less than the minimum amount of pressure is applied thereto.